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Response to Office Action Mailed March 16, 2006

REMARKS:

Applicant appreciates the time and care the examiner has taken in examining the application.

Amendments. In the amendments in this response, no new matter has been added and the claims remain supported by the specification.

In the Abstract. The abstract is amended to address the examiner's objection to terms in the abstract, and to comply with the length restriction. It is submitted that all objections to the abstract have been obviated.

In the Claims. Claims 1 and 4 are amended to address the examiner's objections and to incorporate into claim 1 features from claim 2, which has been cancelled. Claim dependency has accordingly been amended.

Response to Rejections. In view of the amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the Section 102 rejections should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the invention is presented in clear and concise patentable terms, that all objections and rejections have been properly addressed herein, and that the application is in condition for prompt allowance. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested.

Extension Request and Fee Authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees under 37 CFR §1.17(a) for any necessary extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for response to the Office action, which extension is hereby requested, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305 of Chapman and Cutler LLP.

The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions or comments so that efforts may be made to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

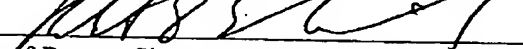
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